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MACKEREL SEASON IS NOW CLOSED.

Catch Both at South and on Cape Shore Smallest on Record.

The last vessels of the mackerel fleet have arrived home, sch. Georgia, the one to "bring in the key," arriving Sunday.

The catch has been the smallest in the history of the mackerel fishery, aggregating 3,395 barrels of salt mackerel and 19,882 barrels of fresh mackerel.

Last season the total catch of the New England fleet was 17,322 barrels of salt mackerel and 56,439 barrels of fresh mackerel. In 1908 it was 21,167 barrels of salt mackerel and 57,566 barrels of fresh mackerel.

The smallest year's catch, previous to this season, was in 1906, when 9,968 barrels of salt mackerel and 35,250 barrels of fresh mackerel were landed.

In 1908 the last seiner, sch. Mary E. Harty, arrived home on November 21, while last year the last craft of the seining fleet to arrive was sch. Annie Greenlaw on November 9.

Dogfish Pay Better Than Mackerel.

The nets at Cape Negro, N. S., are still picking up some mackerel. Some days ago, the run seemed to be above the ordinary, but dogfish were so plentiful that men did not care to risk their nets, and paid more attention to fishing for the latter, which paid very well for quite a period.

WINTER MACKEREL SUPPLY.

Must Come From Irish and Norwegian Waters.

With the American and Canadian mackerel fisheries virtually a failure for the first time in 40 years, lovers

of the sea delicacy living on this hemisphere will be compelled to eat the product of Irish and Norwegian waters, says the Philadelphia North American.

The cause of the scarcity is a mystery.

Isidor Levin, of the firm of S. H. Levin's Sons, Philadelphia, who import two-thirds of the Irish and Norwegian mackerel which come to this country declared the other day that the supply would come from these countries entirely until conditions improved on this side of the Atlantic.

There is a tariff duty of \$2 per barrel on Irish and Norwegian mackerel. Despite this fact, the price has not yet increased. "We have been able," said Mr. Levin, "to get a price from abroad that will enable us to pay the duty and still keep the selling price about normal for a while at least. How long it will last I cannot say. We hope, however, that no increase will be necessary."

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FISH SUPPLY STILL SHORT.

T WHARF DEALERS PAYING HIGH PRICES FOR ALL VARIETIES.

It's another day of short supply at T wharf and prices remain high and firm. Off-shore haddock went for \$4.50, the poorest of them bringing this figure, while new live stock ranged up as high as \$7.50. Cod sold from \$6 to \$7.50 right through and hake were up still higher than yesterday, bringing \$2.35 to \$4. Pollock were wanted, everything in sight in that line going at from \$2.35 to \$2.50, so take it all in all it is a mighty fine day to be in the dock with a trip.

There is one arrival from the eastward, sch. Lillian, with 40,000 pounds of fresh fish, the rest being market boats and pollockers, five of the latter having 66,000 pounds, sch. Good Luck hailing for 23,000 which means a fine stock.

Of the boats, Capt. Cooney of sch. Mary E. Cooney and Capt. Watts of sch. Gladys and Nellie are on hand, as usual when fish are high and scarce, with nice bunches of haddock which will sell at the top of the market and give each of these crafts in the neighborhood of \$1000 each for just a dip or two.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 8000 hake.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 1000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake, 2700 cusk.
Sch. Mettacommet, 13,000 pollock.
Sch. Manomet, 3000 haddock, 300 cod, 2000 hake, 2500 cusk.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 3500 haddock, 200 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Lillian, 14,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 12,000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Florida, 5000 cod.
Sch. Morning Star, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Good Luck, 23,000 pollock.
Sch. Patriot, 15,000 pollock.
Haddock, \$4.50 to \$7.50 per cwt.; cod, \$6 to \$7.50; hake, \$2.35 to \$4; cusk, \$2.50; pollock, \$2.35 to \$2.50.

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Smelts from the Provinces.

The T wharf dealers are buying largely of smelts that are sent from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and are looking anxiously for the coming of lobsters from the provinces. It is still some weeks before the open season for lobsters there, and the supply about here is limited.

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THREE FRESH FISH FARES.

CAPT. WELCH OF SCH. LUCANIA INDIGNANT OVER REPORT OF DISASTER.

Three fresh fish fares have been received at this port since last report. Yesterday afternoon, sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, arrived here from the Cape Shore, with a small fare, 30,000 pounds of fish. A long siege of bad weather and hordes of dogfish, which took to the baited hooks when there was a chance to fish made the securing of a fare the hardest kind of work.

Capt. Welch was the most indignant man in town yesterday afternoon when he was told of the story set afloat two weeks or so ago, that his vessel had been run down and sunk and that he and all hands had been lost. The usually mild mannered skipper just said a few things and what he did say was far from complimentary to some people. As the captain said, he and his men could stand it all right, but such yarns caused heartaches and fear and dread to take possession of the women folks ashore, the wives, mothers and sisters of those on the vessel, and it was days of trial and doubt for them until the craft does arrive home—and all because of idle rumors, with nothing to be based on and yet circulated, when they should be suppressed.

Sch. Rhodora, of the market fleet, also came in here yesterday afternoon, with 15,000 pounds of fresh fish.

This morning the sole arrival early was the haddock Ingomar, Capt. Horace Wildes, with 50,000 pounds, wrung from the fishing grounds to the eastward, in the face of a long spell of hard weather and myriads of dogfish.

The torchers had a big night last night, and it is estimated that this morning what they had brought over came up to fully 500 barrels. Some went to salt, some to the freezers and the rest for bait.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Lucania, Cape Shore, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Rhodora, shore, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Ingomar, Cape Shore, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Thomas Brundage, shore.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, shore.
Sch. Laura Enos, shore.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Harriet, shore.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
Sch. Priscilla, shore.
Sch. Hortense, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Torchers, 500 bbls. fresh herring.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
Sch. Rebecca, shore.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore.
Sch. Dixie, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Elsie, haddocking.
Sch. Rhodora, haddocking.
Sch. Thalia, haddocking.
Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.
Sch. Hortense, haddocking.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, haddocking.
Sch. Harriet, haddocking.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.
Sch. Actor, pollocking.
Sch. Hope, pollocking.
Sch. Hope, pollocking.
Sch. Galatea, pollocking.
Sch. Juniata, pollocking.
Sch. Massasoit, pollocking.
Sch. Priscilla, shore.
Sch. Motor, shore.
Sch. M. Madeleine, shore.
Sch. John R. Bradley, Newfoundland, salt herring.
Sch. Miranda, Newfoundland, salt herring.
Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Newfoundland, salt herring.

Today's Fish Market.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.15; snappers, \$3.
Bank halibut, 15c per lb., right through for white and gray.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.00.
Salt haddock, \$2.00 per cwt.
Salt hake, \$2.00 per cwt.
Salt pollock, \$1.00 per cwt.
Dory handline cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large; \$4.40 for mediums and \$3.25 for snappers.
Splitting prices for fresh fish:
Eastern cod, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.
Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.

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HAD SAILS BLOWN AWAY.

Sch. Ida Was Making Hard Work to Reach Port.

The lumber laden coaster which the steam netter Quoddy towed in here yesterday noon and placed at anchor on the Pan Cake ground was sch. Ida, bound from Milbridge, Me., for Boston.

The craft had blown away some of her sails during the heavy wind of Monday and the Quoddy fell in with her off Thatcher's island. She was trying to make port but was making pretty hard work of it, with the head wind and the Quoddy, in answer to the request of her master, gave her a line and towed her in here, giving up a day's fishing in order to do so. Later in the day the craft was towed to her destination by the Eveleth.

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New Lobster Steamer.

A new steamer for the lobster fisheries was launched at Wedgeport, Yarmouth, N. S., recently, named B. & M. LeBlanc, in honor of the builders. She is 60 feet long, 14 feet wide and 6 feet deep, and is owned by Capt. Lovitt W. Hines, H. L. LeBlanc and Capt. Fred LeBlanc. She is constructed of the best materials and is well adapted for the business. She will be fitted with engines, boilers and other machinery by the new Burrell-Johnson Iron Co. of Yarmouth.

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New Vessel for Boston Parties.

Arthur D. Story, the Essex vessel builder, will soon begin work on a handsome knockabout fishing vessel for Capt. Silva, formerly of sch. Ida M. Silva, and Boston parties. The craft will be of the latest model and 100 feet over all and will engage in the market fishery.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant was at Shelburne, N. S., on Saturday and cleared.

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Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.15 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.00 per cwt.
Handline Georges cod, large \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50.

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Portland Fish Notes.

C. N. Trefethen of the firm of J. W. Trefethen bought practically every pound of fish that came into Portland harbor Tuesday. There may have been a few small fares that got by him, but the larger traps were all taken out at Commercial wharf.

The whole amount brought in for the day was only 65,000 pounds, not a very heavy amount when it is considered that one vessel from an off shore trip will bring in this amount.

Fish have not been any too plentiful of late, so the arrival of 65,000 pounds Tuesday was a most welcome occurrence. All the fish were landed as the result of one day's setting. The fares brought in were.

Angie B. Watson, 8000; Lochinvar 12,000; Fanny Reed, 5000; Bernie and Bessie, 4000; Albert D. Willard, 10,000; Katie L. Palmer, 7000; Edmund Black, 10,000; Eva and Mildred, 9000.

Salt fish are in demand. All day Tuesday from the local fish houses, piles of the fish were being carried away either in box cars or on wagons and jiggers. So scarce is the supply of fresh fish, that the demand for the salt variety has risen and this, it is said, is not enough to satisfy all the orders that are pouring in.

Change of Skippers.

The steam trawler Foam went out on her last trip with Capt. Herbert Green in command. He had taken the place of his brother, Capt. Michael Green, who remained ashore on account of the death of his mother-in-law. The Spray, of which Capt. Herbert is commander, is laid up for overhauling and repairs. Capt. Michael Green will take charge of the Foam when she is ready to sail again.

Caught Lobster on Trawl.

Ben Folsom, one of the crew of sch. Gladys and Nellie at T wharf yesterday brought in a 10 pound lobster, which became caught in the trawl while he was fishing off Chatham Tuesday. As the weight of the average lobster is 1 1-2 pounds, the size of this enormous crustacean can readily be imagined. Mr. Folsom took the lobster home to have it cooked for his supper.

Will Build Steamer.

Arthur D. Story of Essex has contracted to build a steamer for Capt. Church of Tiverton, R. I. The new craft will be 165 feet long and will engage in the menhaden fishery and will be a fine addition to the already large fleet engaged in that business in southern waters.

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Salmon Caught in Provincetown.

A salmon caught at Provincetown was at T wharf Tuesday morning. Just where the fish strayed from at this season of the year, and how it got into the trap at Provincetown no one could imagine. The salmon which was perfect and weighed 12 pounds, was found among the herring and small mackerel. A ready sale was found for it.

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Sch. Natalie J. Nelson Sold to Provincetown.

Capt. George Nelson and Capt. Albert Larkin have sold the sch. Natalie J. Nelson to Joseph Cabral of Provincetown. Although the schooner is sold she will not be delivered to her new owner until December 1. She will then be laid up with the rest of the Provincetown fleet until about the middle of January. The Nelson is a comparatively new vessel. She was built at Essex in 1903, and is 117.09 tons gross and 78.01 tons net, 97.6 feet long, 24 feet beam and 11.8 feet depth of hold. The new vessel, which Capts. Larkin and Nelson are having built, and which will be launched this month, is larger than the Nelson, and will be better for the summer shack fishing, in which Capt. Larkin engages. The Nelson has been in command of Capt. Larkin since she was built, except for the first summer, when Capt. John Vautier had her sailing. When she sails from Provincetown she will be commanded by Capt. John Fields, whose schooner was burned at Provincetown a year ago.

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HERRING AT BAY OF ISLANDS.

VESSELS BEGAN TO LOAD ON WEDNESDAY AND SPURT REPORTED FAIR ONE.

Herring have struck in at Bay of Islands, N. F., and the vessels began to load in earnest, on Wednesday. It is understood that the spurt is a fairly good one and it is hoped that it will hold and that the fish will stay in the Arms. It is about the usual time for them to strike in and some two weeks, almost, earlier than last season.

Some 25 vessels have sailed from here up to last evening and more will probably get away today. The statement of the Times that the fleet this year will be a large one will be verified all right, for at the present time it is comparatively easy to count up nearly 25 more crafts which will engage in this branch of the fishery, and it must be figured also that several craft can safely be put down for two trips.

FISHBALLS MAY BE LUXURY.

Portland Dealer Says Dry Fish Stock Is Lightest for Many Years.

With all kinds of dry fish soaring higher every week fish balls will soon be classed among articles of luxury, and to be paid for accordingly. In conversation Wednesday with Samuel Lord of the Lord Brothers, that gentleman said that in all his 36 years' experience in the fish business on Central wharf he never knew the time when the stocks of dry fish in the dealers' hands in the fall of the year were so light as at present. He has been obliged to turn down large orders from the western states recently, being unable with his present stock to fill the demand. J. W. Lord of the same concern is now in the Provinces, visiting Lockport, Yarmouth and Lunenburg, N. S., buying cured fish, but prices have taken a sharp advance there as well as in this state.

A variety of reasons are given for the shortage in this very necessary supply of food. The ravages of the dogfish, which have been more numerous along the coast this year than usual, is one important factor, and as a result the amount of fish cured has been far under the normal, while the demand, owing to the high prices of meats prevailing the past six months, has been exceptionally large, especially from the western states. Dealers are making every effort to secure sufficient stock to supply the trade, but at the best stocks are expected to run light all winter.—Portland Argus.

STOCKED OVER \$10,000.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty Weighed Off 234,000 Pounds of Fish.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty, Capt. Fred LeBlanc, weighed off 234,000 pounds of salt cod as the result of her second dory handline bank cod fishing trip this season, making the fine stock of \$10,537.93, the high line share being \$233.64.

For her season's work the craft stocked \$17,607.68 and the high line fisherman on board made \$400.

Capt. LeBlanc has been one of the leaders of the fleet ever since he has been going from this port and this season, which has been an extra hard one on the dory handliners he has pulled out well and is in the front rank as usual.

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It was the F. S. Willard Company's turn to buy fish Wednesday. Only one trip was in, however, sch. George H. Lube, but this one was captured by the Central wharf dealers. She took out 10,000 pounds. It was not a good day for fishing Wednesday as the weather was too rough outside.

The fishing sch. Topsail Girl, which has been lying at Union wharf for several weeks, has gone into commission again, shipping crew and taking on stores Wednesday preparatory to going to sea.

But few herring were landed by the boats Wednesday and the size of the fish caught were much smaller than usual. Some of the fishermen, discouraged by the poor catch of the past few days, have hauled off and more will follow suit unless the fish show up better the next few nights.

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TWO MORE HANDLINERS

SCHS. THOMAS A. CROMWELL AND METEOR HAVE SMALL FARES.

Two more of the dory handline bankers are home, sch. Thomas A. Cromwell arriving from the Virgin Rocks yesterday afternoon, hailing for 80,000 pounds of salt cod, and this morning sch. Meteor came along with 150,000 pounds of salt cod.

The market boats Ida S. Brooks and Annie and Jennie were in here yesterday afternoon with 10,000 and 5000 pounds respectively of fresh fish.

The torchers had a poor night last night and consequently there is but little fresh bait over here this morning.

During the forenoon sch. Effie M. Prior arrived from a haddocking trip to Western bank, with a small catch, 30,000 pounds of fresh fish. She lost one of her crew, as told in another column.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

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Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, Virgin Rocks, dory handlining, 80,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Meteor, Quero Bank, dory handlining, 150,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Harriet, shore.

Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, shore.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. Reliance, shore.

Sch. Rebecca, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, Western Bank, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.

Sch. Thalia, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Hortense, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Conqueror, haddocking.

Sch. Onato, haddocking.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, haddocking.

Sch. Georgie Campbell, Newfoundland salt herring.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Newfoundland salt herring.

Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.

Sch. Colonial, halibuting.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, pollock.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, pollock.

Sch. Dixie, shore.

Sch. Reliance, shore.

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PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Coastwise Arrivals.

Sch. Winnie Lawry, New York for Eastport.

Sch. Henrietta Simmons, Gardner for New Bedford.

Sch. Abanaki, New Bedford for Kennebec.

Sch. Orozombay, New York for St. John, N. B.

Sch. Annie Lord, Bangor for New York.

Br. sch. Crescent, Boston for Maitland, N. S.

U. S. buoy, tender Mayflower, cruising.

Barges Park and Sumner R. Mead, in tow of tug Buccaneer, Pigeon Cove.